

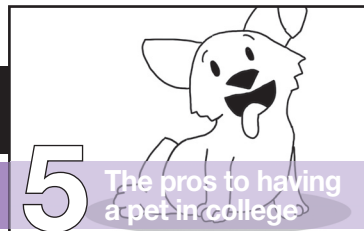
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Kansas to become sixth constitutional carry state

By ABDURAHMAN BASHA
THE COLLEGIAN

Effective July 1, Kansas law will allow residents 21 years of age or older to carry concealed firearms without a permit or gun safety training.

The bill was signed into law on April 2 by Gov. Sam Brownback, who afterwards said the new law will protect the rights of gun owners given that responsible gun ownership is a right inherent in our Constitution, according to the Time article "New Kansas Law Will Allow Concealed Carry Without Gun Permit or Training."

Brownback also said that carrying a gun is a constitutional right and they're removing a barrier to that right, according to the Time article "New Kansas Law Will Allow Concealed Carry Without Gun Permit or Training."

After Vermont, Wyoming, Alaska, Arizona and Arkansas, the new law makes Kansas the sixth state to



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Though Kansas will allow constitutional carry on July 1, it is recommended by many that people still take gun safety courses.

courses. He shared that his youngest son had just recently completed one and benefited greatly from it.

John Maike, owner of Flint Hills Gun Works gun shop in Manhattan,

carrying," Maike said. "I think the only places that are actually going to get held up now are going to be those with the no guns signs, because criminals will know that in there they won't be facing resistance."

Despite this, Maike said people should still take gun safety courses.

"I can see gun sales going up and crime rates going down after this law goes into effect," Maike said. "But as helpful as it is, I still think people should consider gun safety training; many folks will buy a firearm without even the basic training and that could be disastrous. I see a lady come in here to buy her first gun and as she's inspecting it the first thing she does is look down the barrel. That's why training is important, so people know better than to accidentally hurt themselves in similar ways."

Maike said he thinks the bill will have some monetary benefits as well.

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"The new law will give everyone easier access to guns for their protection and will make criminals now think twice before sticking someone up for their wallet or purse."

JOHN MAIKE
OWNER, FLINT HILLS GUN WORKS

allow constitutional carry. Vermont is the only state that had always had the law since the formation of the 13 original states.

The Time article quoted a statement Brownback made after he had signed the bill, where he urges Kansans to still take gun safety training

said that constitutional carry is a move in the right direction for Kansas.

"In my opinion, the new law will give everyone easier access to guns for their protection and will make criminals now think twice before sticking someone up for their wallet or purse since they don't know who's

Sociology professor enjoys teaching while researching

By SHELTON BURCH
THE COLLEGIAN

For K-State's Alisa Garni, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, her scariest experience was in El Salvador while working in a rural community as she pursued her master's degree. Where she lived, buses were the only practical way to get to the cities to reach services like mail.

"I had planned to get up this one morning to go to the city, and I got up and I opened the newspaper," Garni said. "The night before, five buses on all five roads connecting this little town to major cities had been burned, completely destroyed."

Garni said the buses were pulled over and robbed. In El Salvador, it is common for buses to be stopped by gangs in remote areas, where the passengers are then ordered to turn over all of their money and valuables. Sometimes, if the gangs are not satisfied by the



COURTESY OF ALISA GARNI

Alisa Garni, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, travels to places such as El Salvador to enhance her research on immigration.

amount they receive, they will burn the bus, leaving the passengers stranded, which is what Garni said happened that day. In some cases, though, the passengers are not allowed to leave the buses, and burn with them.

Garni said reading the newspaper that day was probably the scariest day for her, knowing that she could have been on one of those buses.

"That's what people say, is that there's no such thing as common sense because do you take the first bus of the day, the middle bus, the last bus?" Garni said. "But the thing is it can happen any time so there's no way to avoid it. A lot of Salvadorans will say, 'It's not if, it's when.' It's terrifying."

Garni said she did the work because she loves the people in

Central America.

"I've always felt so at home," Garni said. "People are so welcoming and so kind and so compassionate, which makes the violence all the more devastating. So it breaks my heart that people are living through this. I think that question has driven all of my research and everything I've done is, 'How can this happen?'"

Garni said that, for her, this is what social science is all about.

"If we can understand how it is that's happening and why it's happening, maybe we have a better chance of making effective change," Garni said.

Garni studies migration patterns and the social issues that cause people to migrate to the U.S. In addition to El Salvador, Garni's studies have taken her Guatemala and Nicaragua, as well as other countries throughout South America. She also teaches sociology classes including international and social development and international migration.

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K-State greeks build culture of service

By BRIDGET BERAN
THE COLLEGIAN

Nationally, greek organizations focus on philanthropic endeavors. At K-State, this is evident in the work done by various members of the 12 panhellenic council sororities and 25 interfraternity council fraternities.

Each organization hosts philanthropy events throughout the year to raise money for the philanthropy that has been chosen to be supported, either by that particular chapter or by the national organization. At K-State, organizations host over 52 philanthropy events annually. These events raise anywhere from a couple hundred dollars to thousands of dollars for the respective philanthropy.

"I think the impact is huge," Paul Meissbach, Interfraternity Council president and senior in applied music, said. "I think that between local and national interests besides just the money given, it's the attention and the recognition that those organizations get."

One successful philanthropy events is hosted by Kappa Delta sorority. The Shamrock Shootout features a basketball tournament and an all-you-can-eat event in the evening.

Local businesses and sponsors donate food and raffle items to help increase the amount of money the sorority raises for the Manhattan Crisis Center, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, and the Prevent Child Abuse America organization.

"I think this event is important because it's open to K-State students and the whole community of Manhattan," Katie Proctor, KD's philanthropy chair and sophomore in athletic training, said. "Yes we raise a lot of money, but we also raise awareness for the community about child abuse and let them know what's going on."

Just two years ago, Delta Upsilon fraternity began a new philanthropy event, the Miss K-State Competition. In its first year, the event raised almost \$4,000 and has continued to grow since. Twenty women are selected from sororities and campus organizations to compete for the title of Miss K-State by showing of their talent, spirit and intelligence.

The event benefits the Global Service Initiative, the international DU philanthropy, which sends members of the national fraternity to developing nations to do community service projects. The GSI's domestic component focuses on Washington, D.C.

"All the money that we raise goes to buy supplies for DU's to build schools and provide services to communities like in Jamaica and urban Washington, D.C.," Michael Emely, DU philanthropy chair and senior in accounting, said. "It's a great way to align ourselves with the values of our national fraternity."

With each new fraternity or sorority added to campus, the amount of dollars and time given to philanthropic activities continues to rise. K-State's greek community has continually grown, adding new organizations and raising the amount of members in a given organizations, further adding to the amount of money going toward philanthropy and the amount of hours dedicated to serving others.

Individual members also do a great deal of work for the Manhattan community. According to Panhellenic Council Director of Community and Internal Relations Jessica Van Ranken, sophomore in political science, women in sororities recorded 36,449.05 hours of community service in 2014 and the number has seen continual growth in the past several years.

While some chapters require their members to do a specified amount of hours, most encourage members to be involved and give back to the community. Across the nation, the National Panhellenic Council reported that sorority women recorded 639,021 hours for philanthropic efforts and 908,905 for community service projects in 2011.

"I think the type of people that we recruit to be greek members at K-State are already service-oriented and we provide the structure and outlet for them, but it's already something that we look for in members," Meissbach said.

One important factor to the greek community, at K-State and nationwide, is a dedication to serving other. Several organizations list philanthropic interest as one of the criteria for membership and community service hours are recorded monthly. One day of K-State's formal recruitment process is even focused entirely on sororities' explaining their particular philanthropy to women going through the recruitment process.

"I think that getting out and giving back to the community is important," Meissbach said. "We need to do more than just live in Manhattan, but give back to it. It's more than just the requirement, it's the sense of giving back and a mutual relationship."

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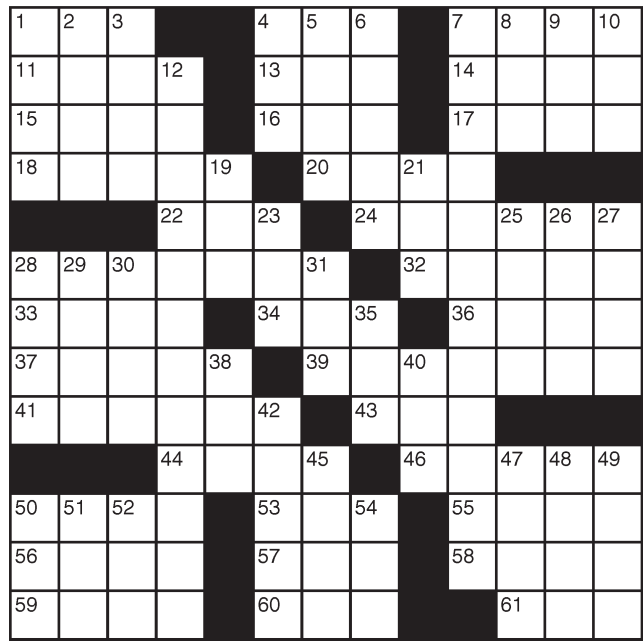
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals F

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ARREST REPORTS

Friday, April 17

Abraham Josue Morales Alvarez, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Bryce Marlin Williams, of Leonardville, Kansas, was booked for possession of opium, opiates and narcotics, unlawful possession of hallucinogens and use of paraphernalia on the human body. Bond was set at \$12,000.

Nicholas Clay Brown, of St. George, Kansas, was booked for driving under the influence and driving while suspended. Bond was set at \$6,000.

Dalon Carter Farkas, of the 2200 block go College Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jonathan Michael Rowe, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Eric Zolatan Sandor, of Fort Riley, was booked for reckless driving and endangering a child. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Craig Michael West, of the 600 block of Moro Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Glenn Wilbur Bennett, of the 4400 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard, was booked for driving while suspended. Bond was set at \$500.

Chandalor Allen Davis, of

the 3300 block of Valleywood Drive, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Tawan Tatro, of Junction City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Leslie Michelle Silva, of Topeka, was booked for driving under the influence, driving while suspended, refusal of chemical test and tampering with ignition interlock device. Bond was set at \$4,750.

Luis Fernando Selvas, of Garden City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Saturday, April 18

John Dale Lackey, of the 3600 block of Dickens Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Akshat Singh, of the 1100 block of Bertrand Street, was booked for driving while suspended and interfering with a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Sydney Lucille Winston, of the 1200 block of Ratone Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Khalid Abdulahman Aloomarny, of the 1400 block of Clafin Road, was booked for minor in possession of alcohol and interfering with a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$1,250.

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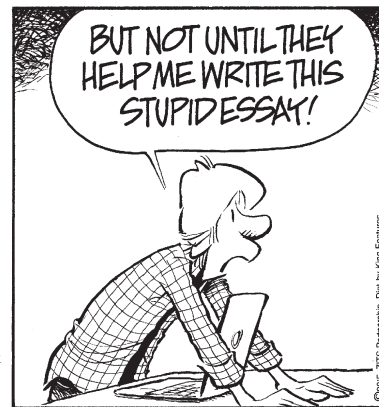
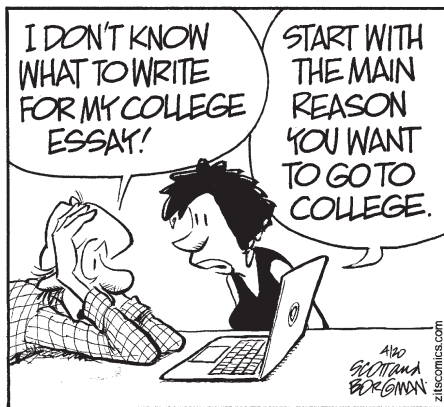
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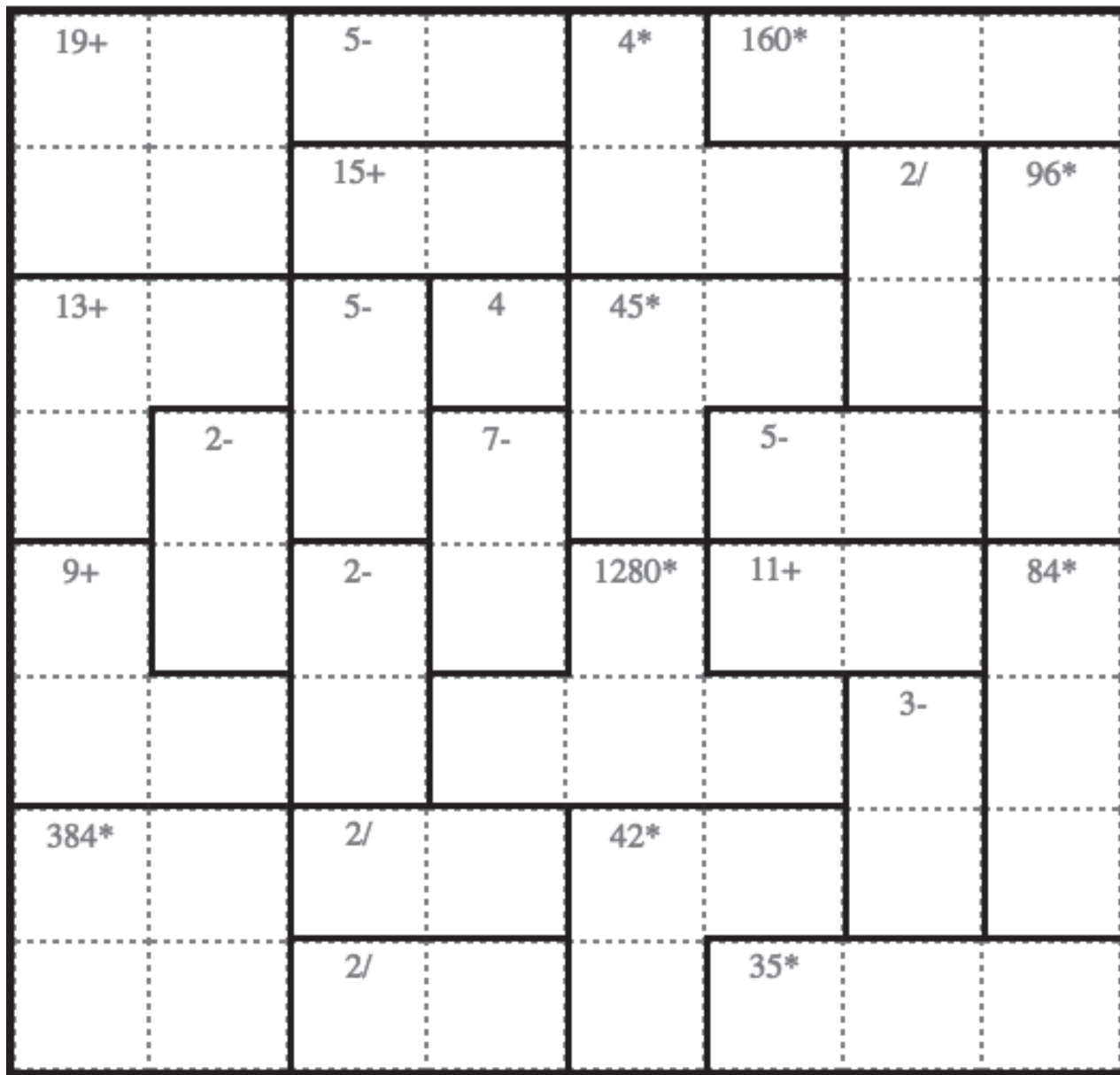
Shout out to the rain this past weekend. Can it be May yet?
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The weekend goes by quicker than a 50-minute lecture.

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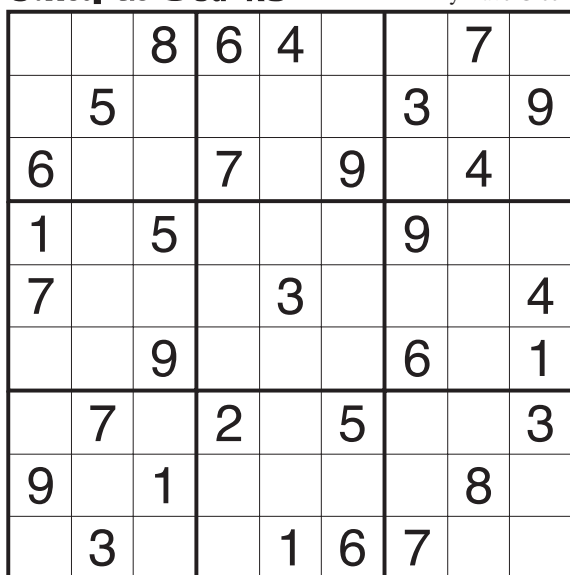
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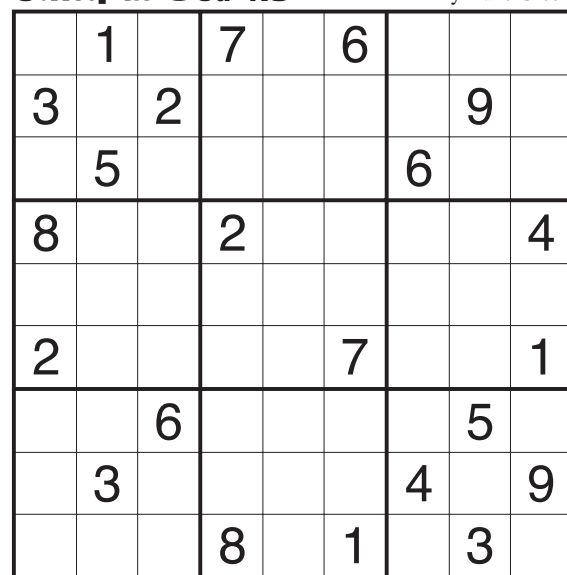


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Friday's unlisted clue: POTATOES

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Why college students should consider owning pets

By NICOLE WALKER
THE COLLEGIAN

Many college students face tough transitions moving away from friends, family and the support system they have at home. This can make college a stressful and lonely environment, and owning a pet can help some students cope.

Though owning a pet takes a lot of hard work and time, given the right circumstances it could help students deal with the stress, anxiety and loneliness that sometimes accompanies going to college.

According to a 2012 International Journal of Workplace Health Management study titled, "Preliminary Investigation of Employee's Dog Presence on Stress and Organizational Perceptions," those in the workplace with a dog were less stressed than those without.

Pets have been used to improve quality of life for patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes, and they can definitely improve the life of a college student who might be lonely or stressed.

According to a spring 2012 Winona State University study titled "Animal-Assisted Therapy: The Human-Animal Bond In Relation To Human Health And Wellness," the bond between an animal and elderly patients give the patients a sense of responsibility. Animals can also give the elderly a sense of self-worth and a feeling of purpose back into their

lives, giving them a better quality of life.

This same study also conducted an experiment to test how levels of anxiety differ for those around animals, and those who are not around animals. The study showed that those who were around animals reported significantly less anxiety levels than those who were not around animals.

According to a Feb. 3, 2014 American Heart Association article titled, "Owning a Pet May Protect You from Heart Disease," pets can oftentimes lead to more activity. In turn, pet owners may exercise more, thus lowering their risk of heart disease.

Not every college student should go out and purchase a pet right away, because not every student is ready to care for a pet. Some students, however, have a harder time dealing with transitions throughout college, and those students should consider the idea of a four-legged friend to keep them company.

A few things that students should consider before picking out their new furry friend, be aware of the financial responsibilities that come with owning a pet. Between food, veterinary bills, accommodations and housing and the everyday expenses that owning a pet comes along with, students should be in a place where they can successfully care for their pet, regardless of the costs.

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KENT WILLMETH

Crazy cat people reap health benefits, may not be as crazy as once thought

By ASHLEY CURRAN
THE COLLEGIAN

As an animal lover and aspiring veterinarian, I am always stoked to be around cats, whether visiting friends or family, or volunteering to care for them at local pet shelters. I also often come across various cat-related things when I'm on the Internet. Something involving a cat will be on my computer screen within the first few seconds of being online. Cats practically reign over the digital world.

According to an April 2 CNN article titled, "Internet Cats Will Never Die," Purina, the makers of Friskies cat food, estimates that a staggering 15 percent of all traffic on the Web is cat-related.

Many cats have become Internet sensations. Arguably the most famous of them all (and my personal favorite) is Grumpy Cat – an angry-looking cat and is featured on Internet memes. The fame of Tardar Sauce, the cat's real name, started when a photo of her was posted on Reddit on Sept. 22, 2012. Soon after, there were also a few YouTube videos posted of her.

While Grumpy Cat may be famous, however, pet owners everywhere are treasuring their own cats.

There are many breeds of cats with traits that range in all

levels of intelligence, playfulness, conformation and history. On top of their sovereignty over the Internet, they are also extremely beneficial to their owners' health.

According to an Upworthy article titled, "Here are a Few Brilliant Ways Cats are Secretly Helping Their Owners Live Healthier Lives," cats' purr frequencies are within a medically therapeutic range of 20-140 hertz. This frequency is the same frequency our bones and muscles have the best ability to repair themselves.

With that being said, I think purchasing or adopting a cat would be a very intelligent decision. But can students afford owning a cat, or even a pet at all?

The Association of Residence Halls worked with the College of Veterinary Medicine to identify suitable pets for the dorms. The students who live on campus must have pre-approval from their roommate(s) and the resident life coordinator before bringing a pet to campus. They must also fill out a pet registration form. I think it is highly possibly for a student living on campus to afford a pet, but the tricky part is getting the pet approved.

The students who live off campus probably have a 50 percent chance of being able to afford pets. I just signed a lease for an apartment for next year and the safety deposit by itself

was \$980. If I wanted to own a cat while living there, I would have had to put down an additional \$490 with my safety deposit and pay an extra \$150 a month. This wouldn't fit in my budget, but it might have been possible if I rented a cheaper apartment or

made more money.

Whether a student lives on campus or off, all pets come with additional fees. Of course, the price to take care of a goldfish is going to be drastically different than a large dog. It's important to consider things such as food, shelter, registration fees, vet care, medical costs, boarding, training classes and toys before owning a pet. Not all of these things may be necessary depending on the pet you own.

According to Jan. 10, 2012

College Investor article titled, "Can You Actually Afford A Pet?" the American Pet Product Association estimated that over \$50 billion was spent on pets in 2011, most of the money going to food and supplies. Here are the estimated annual expenses for the common pet.

Food: \$254
Vet Care: \$248 for routine visits, \$407 for emergency services
Boarding: \$274
Supplies and treats: \$165
Toys and fun: \$43

The cost of owning a common pet can burn through your wallet, but it's important to keep in the mind the benefits they can bring.

According to the Human-Animal Bond Research Initiative Foundation, a non-

profit research and education organization, of doctors who had worked with animals in medicine, 97 percent of doctors have seen patients reap health benefits from interacting with animals. The survey, which was conducted in partnership with Cohen Research Group and asked an online panel of 1,000 family doctors and general practitioners, showed that 74 percent of doctors said they would prescribe a pet to improve overall health if medical evidence supported this type of prescription.

Many people refer to cat owners as "crazy cat people" or think that only those who are lonely will eventually become one of these crazy cat owners, with felines crawling all over their homes. With all of the benefits cats are capable of bringing to their owners, I think those who own cats should be considered the geniuses of pet owners. If you are able to afford a pet and would like to possibly even live longer, you should consider adopting a cat and making your life better.

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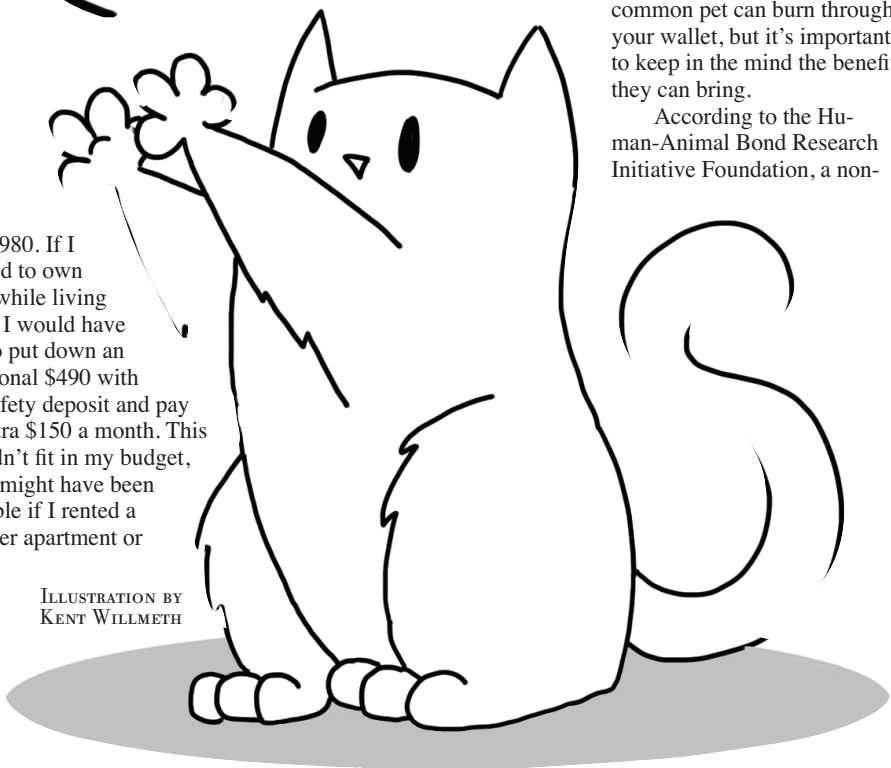
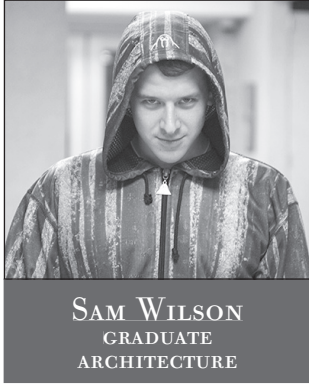


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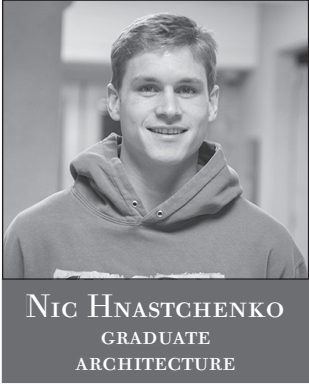
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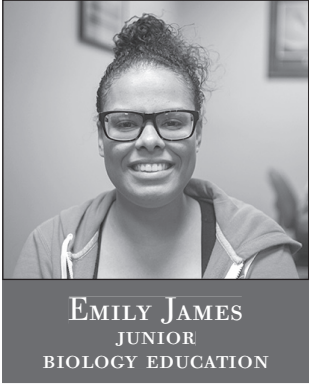
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"Old Stadium; there is already a ghost there to hang out with."



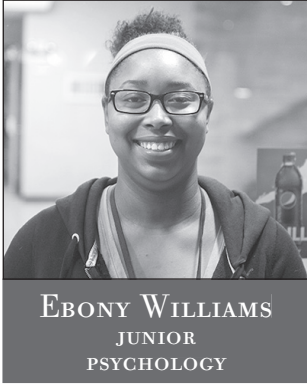
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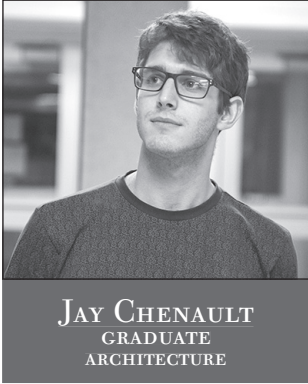
EMILY JAMES
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BIOLOGY EDUCATION

"The Student Union; that's where the most people are, it'd be fun interacting with many people as a ghost."



EBONY WILLIAMS
JUNIOR
PSYCHOLOGY

"Fairchild Hall, specifically the financial aid office, so people who truly need financial aid would go in there."



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"Seaton Hall, because at night there would be plenty of hauntees"

STATE BRIEFS

Compiled by Chloe Creager

Second bomb plot suspect will be released to parents

Alexander Blair, the Topeka man charged as an accomplice in an alleged Fort Riley bombing plot, is to be released to his parents' custody by no later than today, according to KMAN.

The judge's decision to release Blair was based on the argument of his attorney, Christopher Joseph, that Blair was not a flight risk because of his full cooperation with the investigation and lack of resources that would help him

escape

John T. Booker Jr., primary suspect in the alleged bomb plot, was indicted Thursday on one count of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, one count of attempting to damage property by means of an explosive and one count of attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State group, according to KMAN. If convicted, Booker faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Engineering professor discovers improvement for rechargeable batteries

Gurpreet Singh, assistant professor of mechanical and nuclear engineering, and his research team have discovered a method to improve lithium-ion batteries involving "sandwiches" made of nanosheets, according to a K-State News and Communications Services release.

The "sandwiches" are made of one molybdenum atom between two sulfur atoms. The team's research focused on the lithium cycling of molybdenum disulfide, aka

MoS₂, sheets.

In their latest publication, Singh's team observed that the MoS₂ sheets stored more than twice as much lithium, or the battery's charge, than bulk amounts of MoS₂ as reported in previous studies, in addition to better maintaining battery capacity over time.

"This kind of behavior is similar to a lithium-sulfur type of battery, which uses sulfur as one of its electrodes," Singh said in the news release. "Sulfur is notoriously

famous for forming intermediate polysulfides that dissolve in the organic electrolyte of the battery, which leads to capacity fading. We believe that the capacity drop observed in molybdenum disulfide sheets is also due to loss of sulfur into the electrolyte."

Other research by Singh's team involves developing a material to coat and protect electrode materials from harsh conditions, such as those on turbine blades and other metals exposed to intense heat.

GUNS | 'More guns doesn't equal more safety'

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"I think it will make everyone's lives a little bit easier financially too; some people can't afford to, and shouldn't have to, spend around \$200 on the paperwork for a four-year permit," Maike said. "Now that you don't have to spend all that, more people will be able to purchase guns. As for us, it's definitely a good thing that gun sales are going up."

Rick Andrus, gunsmith at Flint Hills Gun Works, said that in conjunction with constitutional carry going in effect in Kansas, other states should also start reconsidering their laws and guidelines regarding firearms.

"When it comes to constitutional carry, it's true more people will be able to purchase guns, but if you were denied before July 1 you'll still be denied after," Andrus said. "The same background checks will be conducted and the only difference is that we no longer will need to make the FBI-NICS phone call before a sale is made."

Colin Johnson, Topeka resident and equal rights advocate, said amendments regarding gun policy are needed, but there should be

more restrictions on carrying guns.

"I'm not saying that we shouldn't let people have guns, but I think we definitely need more limitations on the freedom to carry rather than give more possibly unqualified and untrained people lethal weapons," Johnson said. "I certainly don't see how taking away training can be of any positive impact. It only makes sense that a gun is more dangerous in the hands of someone short of training than someone who has gone through eight hours of a weapons safety and training course."

Johnson said that more guns doesn't equal more safety.

"The more isn't the merrier when it comes to guns; it's just an argument that the (National Rifle Association) and gun rights lobbyists use to make more money," Johnson said. "No permits equals higher gun sales, and that, in turn, equals higher profits for those in the firearms industry. I think ... we should at least have more thorough background checks, and not the least bit less. I just know that constitutional carry isn't worth the risk of guns getting in the wrong hands; other than that we just wait and see what happens."

Sophomore leads charge in Ohio for Wildcats

WOMEN'S GOLF

By ANDREW HAMMOND
THE COLLEGIAN

K-State women's golf sophomore Madison Talley rose above a struggling field Sunday at the Lady Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio to finish third overall and help lift the Wildcats to a top-five team finish.

Talley finished the tournament two-over par 218 with a two-over par 74 in the final round. K-State as a team shot 45-over par 909 to finish 26 shots behind first-place finishers Kent State.

"It was not a particularly good team result for us, however, it was a great finish by Madison," head coach Kristi Knight said to K-State Sports. "This course is a good test of golf."

After Talley, K-State's next-best performer was senior Carly Ragains who tied for 18th place. Freshman Connie Jaffery finished behind Ragains tied for 26th place with a 14-over par 230.

The Wildcats return to the course on Friday for the Big 12 Championship in San Antonio, Texas at the Dominion Course.

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Sophomore **Madison Talley** practices her shot during practice on April 7 at the Colbert Hills golf course.



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The Middle East is in chaos: Islamists are waging bloody jihad—and winning—and Palestinian society is collapsing. Is now the time for a Palestinian state?

While the Middle East is being overrun by Islamic terror groups, and Palestinian political factions are verging on civil war, some world leaders now propose forced peace talks with Israel, guaranteeing the Palestinians a state. Can we really afford a Palestinian state ripe for takeover by terrorists?

What are the facts?

Bloodthirsty violence wreaked by Islamic terror groups in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Tunisia has created epic instability in the Middle East. This regional jihad is being waged by the Islamic State, al Qaeda affiliates, al Nusra Front, Hizbollah, Hamas, Houthi rebels and, most prominently, Iran.

Indeed, the jihadis are capturing more Middle East territory daily. The Islamic State continues to seize ground in Syria and Iraq and threatens next to attack Israel's neighbor Jordan. The Houthis today control three major cities in Yemen, and al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is making gains in other parts of the country. The greatest threat, however, comes from Iran, which through its terrorist proxies now exerts effective control over four Arab capitals: Baghdad, Iraq; Damascus, Syria; Beirut, Lebanon; and Sana'a, Yemen.

This leaves Israel, the Middle East's only democracy and bastion of Western freedoms, almost encircled by forces of radical Islam—Hizbollah and Iran on its doorstep to the north in Lebanon and Syria; the Islamic State in Syria and Egypt's Sinai Peninsula; and Hamas to the south in Gaza. Iran, of course, threatens weekly to annihilate the Jewish state—and it is steadily, secretly building the nuclear capability to back its bluster.

Adding to this regional volatility, the Palestinians' two main political parties, Fatah in the West Bank and the Islamic terror group Hamas in Gaza, are locked in internecine strife. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's government has no control over Gaza's 1.9 million Arabs. The internal Palestinian conflict has become so bitter that President Abbas recently called on Arab nations to launch military attacks against Hamas.

But Palestinians' problems run far deeper. Their economy is in shambles: Without nearly \$1 billion annually in international aid, including \$400 million from the U.S., it would collapse. Palestinian civil

society in the West Bank is notoriously rife with corruption. Political order is also crumbling: No Palestinian elections have been held since 2006. The 80-year-old Abbas is serving his tenth year of a five-year term, and his Fatah party has no provisions for a successor. What's more, security in the West Bank is critically dependent on support from Israeli Defense Forces. Without it, experts predict a takeover by Hamas, which did the same in Gaza in 2006. A Hamas coup would leave Israel a tiny island engulfed in a sea of Islamist terror.

Why don't the Palestinians already have a state? The Arabs were offered a state next to Israel by the United Nations in 1948, but turned it down. After Israel's defeat of three invading Arab armies in 1967, the Jewish state offered to negotiate land for peace, but again the Arabs refused. As recently as 2001 and 2008, under the auspices of the United States, Israel offered the Palestinians up to 95 percent of the West Bank and Gaza, plus a capital in East Jerusalem, but again the Arabs walked away from statehood and have for more than 60 years stubbornly refused to recognize the Jewish state.

Today the situation in the Middle East has changed dramatically in two ways. First, Israel and moderate Arab nations are threatened as never before by radical Islamists obsessed with conquest. Second, Palestinian institutions have reached new lows of dependence and disorganization, nearing total collapse. Iran-supported Hamas is well armed and could seize control of the West Bank at any time.

While some world leaders have proposed a deadline for completion of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, leading to a Palestinian state within a few years, this idea does not account for today's horrific new reality in the Middle East. Indeed, a Palestinian state that is forced upon Israel and the rest of the world would most certainly turn into a nightmare.

While Israel, the United States and other nations have worked in good faith to create a Palestinian state, the Palestinians themselves have consistently rejected requirements that would ensure Israel's security and survival. Today, explosive threats from radical Islamist terror groups in the Middle East, especially Iran, as well as the disintegration of social, economic and political order among the Palestinians, make a Palestinian state unrealistic. Rather, world leaders need to focus on stabilizing the region—especially Palestinian society—and put Palestinian statehood temporarily on hold.

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K-State drops final two games against Texas Tech

BASEBALL

By TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

No. 19 Texas Tech used clutch pitching and phenomenal defense to take game three and the series from K-State baseball (18-20, 5-10) 4-1 on Sunday at Tointon Family Stadium.

“We just couldn’t get the big hit today,” K-State head coach Brad Hill said after the game.

Even with the absence of the big hit, K-State was able to rack up plenty of small ones, as they outhit the Red Raiders 10-9 but stranded 12 baserunners.

K-State was without an RBI throughout the duration the ballgame, scoring their lone run in the second inning on a balk that tied the game up after Texas Tech hit a solo run home run in the top of the inning off sophomore starter Nate Griep.

“Griep did (keep us in the game), but he’s not sharp,” Hill said. “When you’re pitching every week or every two weeks, it’s hard to be sharp. He labored a lot of pitches, but still he’s a competitor — he battled and competed.”

Even though Griep was not at his best, the sophomore pitched five solid innings and only gave up two runs on five hits while striking out four Red Raider batters.

After the K-State bullpen gave up two more runs in the sixth inning, the Wildcat relievers only gave up one hit in the final three innings.

“Our pitching staff did great,” senior outfielder Max Brown said. “Nate did really well. They kind of got lucky with those few dribblers to the infield ... It was good to have (freshman reliever Bryce Ward and sophomore reliever Jordan Floyd) come in and not kind of just lay down and go out there and throw strikes.”

K-State did make an attempt at a rally with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning by getting two men on with Brown at the bat representing the tying run. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, Brown grounded out to third to end the inning and the game

“That’s baseball,” Brown said. “You can’t really steer the ball it just kind of happens. You gotta keep playing hard because you never know what’s going to happen.”

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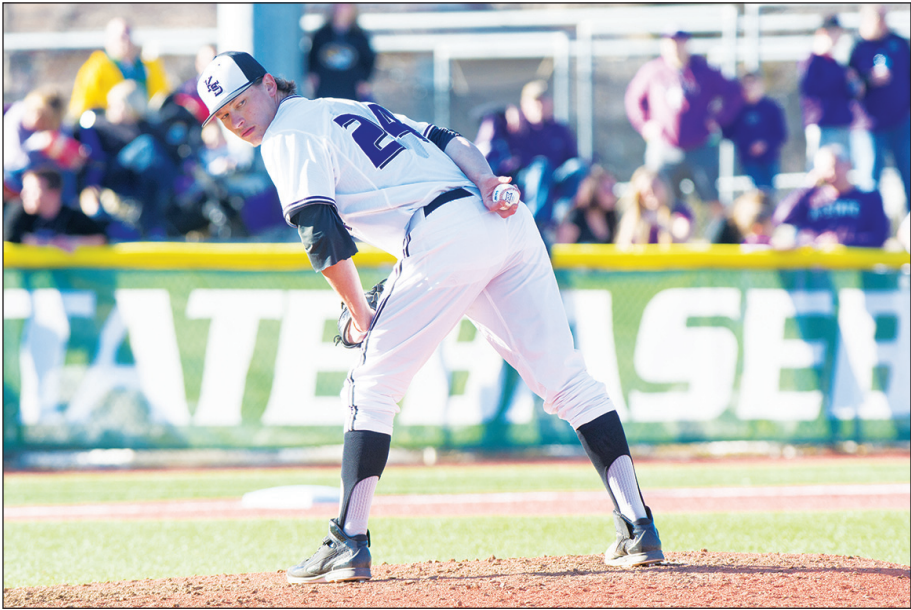
Saturday:

K-State fell behind early in the second game of the series as they fell 7-1 to the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech scored four runs in the first inning and three in the third inning, coupled with Texas Tech starter Cameron Smith throwing eight scoreless innings.

Sophomore catcher Alex Bee’s first-career home run in the ninth inning helped K-State avoid the shutout.

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Texas Tech	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	11	0
K-State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0



FILE PHOTO BY CASSANDRA NGUYEN | THE COLLEGIAN

Sophomore **Nate Griep** looks over at first base before making a pitch during the K-State vs. Santa Clara baseball game series on March 6 at Tointon Family Stadium.

Friday:

K-State got the fourth win over a top-25 team in four weeks in come-from-behind fashion, as the Wildcats took the series opener 5-3.

The Red Raiders struck first with a three-run home run in the third inning, but K-State responded with a four-run fifth inning. The Wildcats never looked back.

K-State tacked on one more run for good measure on a squeeze play in the eighth inning

that scored freshman pinch runner Sam Chadick.

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Texas Tech	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	2
K-State	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	X	5	4	1

Up Next:

K-State begins a six-game road trip with a jaunt up to Lincoln, Nebraska to take on the No. 23 Cornhuskers on Tuesday.



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Sophomore **Noelle Dykmann** warms up while senior **Meggie Murray** concentrates during practice on April 8 at Tuttle Creek Lake.

Wildcats earn three golds, one silver in dominating weekend performance

ROWING

By TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

The lengthy time away from competition didn’t faze the K-State women’s rowing team over weekend in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the Southern Inter-collegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta. Out of the five boats sent to compete,

four returned to Manhattan with medals and the fifth boat a fourth-place finish.

“All the boats raced extremely well this weekend,” head coach Patrick Sweeney said to K-State Sports.” Based on the races, they handled the technical aspects of what we worked on the past couple weeks well and did what they were asked to do with in each of their races.”

All five boats qualified for Sunday’s championships where K-State competed in four dif-

ferent races. In the grand finals, three boats earned gold medals: 1st Varsity 8, 2nd Varsity 8 and 1st Varsity 4. K-State’s 3rd Varsity 8 and 1st Novice 8 squads finished second and fourth, respectively, to round out the weekend finishes.

Up next for K-State is the 18th edition of the Sunflower Showdown against in-state rival Kansas. The Wildcats and Jayhawks will square off on Wyandotte County Lake in Kansas City, Kansas on May 2.

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GARNI | Student says professor's approach makes 'crazy' assignments easier

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Garni's interest in studying abroad began in high school, when she was studying Spanish. A friend told her about a study abroad program, and Garni decided that day she was interested. Since then, Garni has studied internationally many times.

"When I went to college, I looked for a college that had a really good study abroad program and spent my junior year abroad in Costa Rica," Garni said.

The college Garni picked was Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California. Through the university's law program, she worked for a public interest law center and with refugees from Central America, including people from Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

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Garni said the stories she heard made her want to learn more, ultimately leading her to master's degree in Latin American studies at the University of California at San Diego.

"I thought 'I just need to know more, I need to learn more,'" Garni said. "So I went into a master's degree program at UC San Diego and got a grant and went all the way down through the isthmus doing field work."

Garni said she decided to attain her doctorate degree during her work for her master's degree. By that point, Garni said she already had learned she enjoyed doing research. While working toward her master's, she was a teaching assistant, which required her to teach what were essentially recitation sessions.

"I would get to work with three sessions of 25-30 students each, so smaller classes, and I realized that I just loved it," Garni said. "So I thought, 'Well, if I love the research and I love the teaching, well then that probably means I should go on for a Ph.D.'"

Levi Gerson, sophomore in life sciences and pre-physical therapy, took the international and social development course taught by Garni. Though the course is a 500-level one, Gerson said Garni's approach to the class made it easier. For instance, the course required a number of difficult projects and papers, all of which Garni made seem more doable.

"She explained the material in such a way and made those crazy assignments seem like they were something that you should want to do," Gerson

said.

Despite her role as a teacher, Garni said she still gets out and does research, including a project she is working on now

with her because he liked the research she had done in the past. One project Garni and Dominguez have been working on is studying immigration

Specifically, they are looking at how immigration policies in states like Arizona and Alabama could influence Kansas if implemented here.

"We're finding out that more forms of agriculture in Kansas are being dependent on immigrant labor," Dominguez said. "So if legislation were to be passed in Kansas, how would that effect the agricultural production and the communities that some of these immigrants have started to live in."

Dominguez said his favorite part about working with Garni has been how she helped him throughout the process, and has been a great mentor for him.

"The best part about Dr. Garni is how excited and emotional she gets about doing her research and how passionate she is about it," Dominguez said.

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MARCUS DOMINGUEZ
JUNIOR, SOCIOLOGY

with undergraduate research assistants, one of whom is Marcus Dominguez, junior in sociology.

Dominguez, who has worked with Garni for three years, said he decided to work

patterns as they pertain to agriculture.

"The project we've been working on is how the changing agricultural patterns have affected immigration in rural Kansas," Dominguez said.

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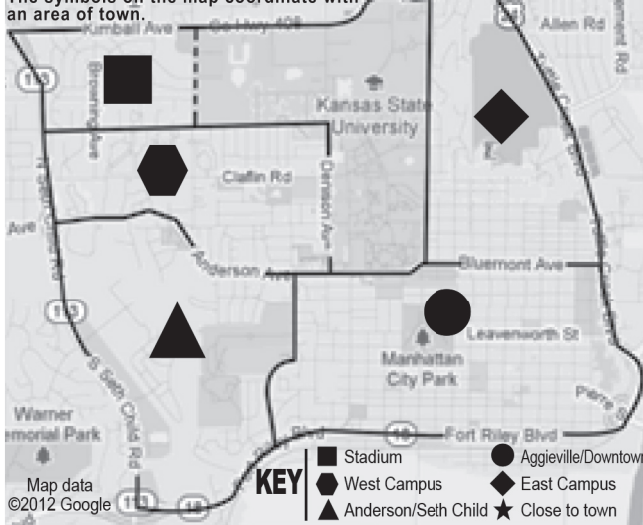
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LAUREN NAGLE | THE COLLEGIAN

Alisha Davis, graduate student in music, helps **LaTesha Wallace**, University of Nebraska student, with some last minute touches to her makeup before stepping at the second annual Wildcat Step Show on Saturday in Forum Hall. Davis and Wallace were both members in the sorority Zeta Phi Beta.



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Tyrone Williams, junior in social sciences, steps for his fraternity Iota Phi Theta during the Wildcat Step Show on Saturday. "The performance is not about what we do," Williams said. "We are up there to minister. I want the audience to walk away with something that makes them a better person."



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